

# All Party Parliamentary Group for International Students

## REPORT 2021-22



### 1. Elected Officers

The APPG for International Students was re-formed on 12 July 2017 following the 2017 General Election. The 2021 AGM re-elected eight officers:

- Paul Blomfield MP (Co-Chair and Registered Contact)
- Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea (Co-Chair)
- Mark Logan MP (Secretary)
- Baroness Uddin (Treasurer)
- Alison Thewliss MP (Vice-Chair)
- Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe (Vice-Chair)
- Lord David Willetts (Vice-Chair)
- Ben Lake MP (Vice Chair)

During 2021-22, the APPG for International Students' main focus of activity has been understanding the impact of COVID-19 on international students and supporting the international education strategy.

[The Inquiry report can be found on the APPG Website.](#)

### 2. Events

#### **12 May:** International Education Strategy

The APPG met with Graham Stuart MP, Minister of State for Exports. The APPG heard from the Minister on his work relating to the International Education Strategy and education exports, and the wider Government agenda for international students.

#### **23 June:** Spotlight on English-language international students and sector

The APPG held a roundtable with English UK which continued the conversation between the APPG and English UK members begun in January 2020. It looked at the disproportionate impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the English Language and Training sector and what can be done to support the industry in future.

#### **17 November:** International Students Day

Delivered as part of UKCISA Fest, International Students Day focused on the experiences of international students working and volunteering in the community.

### 3. Letters

**25 June:** Letter from APPG Co-Chair Lord Bilimoria and CBI to support continued visa concessions and changes to international student quarantine measures.

**16 August:** Letter to Prime Minister and Home Secretary urging them to support Chevening scholars from Afghanistan.

#### **4. Finance**

The secretariat for the APPG is provided by **Independent Higher Education**. Independent Higher Education is a not for profit group representing the interests of independent providers of higher education including training, professional skills, and pathways for UK and international students into HE. They administer **Exporting Education UK**.

**Exporting Education UK** is a group led and administered by Independent Higher Education to bring together those with an interest in international education including schools, colleges, universities, and student groups. The group is cross sector and aims to support a collaborative approach to international education and protect and promote the UK's international education sector.

As in the past, Independent Higher Education allocated two days per month of staff time to the APPG; however, this year there was a drop-off of supporters, in part due to the low levels of activity during the pandemic. The secretariat re-states that additional funding must be found to support the level of activity the APPG wishes to undertake in the future.

APPG Supporters for 2021-22 were:

National Union of Students (NUS)
UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)
Universities UK
Association of Colleges
British Association of Independent Schools with International Students (BAISIS)
Independent Schools Council (ISC)
English UK
Kaplan International Colleges UK
University of Reading
Royal Academy of Dance
BSA Group
Newcastle University
INTO Group
Study Group
NCUK
London Business School
The University of Bradford
Million Plus
Oxford Business College

#### **Bank Account**

All APPGs are asked to have a separate bank account for funds. The APPG Secretariat have been exploring how to achieve this with help from the APPG Treasurer. Unfortunately we have yet to find a bank who will permit us to establish a bank account as long as the APPG remains an non-entity

under law. We will continue to explore this in 2022. For now the funds are held in a separate account under Independent Higher Education.

## 5. Income and expenditure statement for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Students

Period covered by this statement: **8 January 2021-7 January 2022**

**A. Balance brought forward from previous year** **£78.46**

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**B. Income received during the year:**

i. Membership subscriptions (parliamentarians)	£0
ii. Monetary Donations	
a APPG Supporter memberships	£4,500
b Monetary donations (sponsorship only)	£0
c Monetary donations (in-kind)	£0
d Monetary donations (secretariat)	£0
iii. Trading income	£0
iv. Interest received	£0
v. Other (please explain)	£0

**TOTAL income** **£4,500**

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**C. Expenditure during the year:**

i. Employment costs (salaries, NI, pensions costs)	£4,400
ii. Cost of contractors and freelance staff	£0
iii. Visits and Events (UK)	£0
iv. Visits and Events (abroad)	£0
v. Cost of generating income	£0
vi. Office and communication costs	£0
vii. Other (please explain)	£0

**TOTAL expenditure** **£4,400**

**D. Balance Carried Forward** **£178.46**

**E. Value of benefits in kind or sponsorship received from each source during the year:**

Source	Description	Value in £s in bands of £1500	Received